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HEREWITH OUR REPLIES TO QUESTIONS POSED CM REFTEL
PARA 7:

A. MULTILATERAL INTERESTS AND OBJECTIVES.

(1) MANY OF THE MULTILATERAL ISSUES IN WHICH
PAKISTAN WILL BE TAKING THE GREATEST INTEREST IN 1976
ARE IN THE ECONOMIC AREA, AND FOCUS ON THE VARIOUS
INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS WHICH ARE OR WILL BE TAKING
PLACE: CIEC, UNCTAD, MTN, AND THE MEETINGS ON IMF
RESTRUCTURING AND IDA REPLENISHMENT. THE GOP'S
HIGHEST PRIORITY OBJECTIVE IS TO REACH INTERNATIONAL
AGREEMENT ON MEASURES TO ALLEVIATE THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS
PROBLEMS OF PAKISTAN AND THE OTHER MOST SERIOUSLY
AFFECTED NATIONS THROUGH NEW OR EXPANDED RESOURCE
TRANSFER MECHANISMS AND/OR THROUGH DEBT RELIEF. ALSO
IMPORTANT, ALTHOUGH THE GOP LOOKS ON IT AS MORE OF A
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LONG-TERM ISSUE AND HENCE OF SOMEWHAT LESS IMMEDIATE
CONCERN, IS IMPROVEMENT IN THE CONDITIONS OF PAKISTAN'S

FOREIGN TRADE, THROUGH EXPANDED GSP, REDUCTION (OR, AS PAKISTAN HAS PROPOSED, ELIMINATION) OF TARIFFS ON EXPORTS OF THE MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED COUNTRIES, AND/OR ABOLITION OF QUOTA RESTRICTIONS ON PAKISTAN'S TEXTILE EXPORTS. WE HAVE REPORTED FAIRLY EXTENSIVELY ON THESE POSITIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF CIEC, BUT THE SAME POSITIONS AND PROPOSALS ARE LIKELY TO COME UP AGAIN AT THE OTHER MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC MEETINGS MENTIONED ABOVE. THE FULLEST DESCRIPTIONS OF THE PAKISTAN POSITION ARE GIVEN IN 75 ISLAMABAD 5952, 7443 AND 76/1285; OTHER REPORTS WHICH FLESH OUT THE GOP STANCE ARE ISLAMABAD 5, 35, 38, 619, 720, 970, 1698 AND 1693 (ALL 1976).

(2) IN THE POLITICAL/SECURITY AREA, THE GOP CONTINUES TO BE VITALLY INTERESTED IN PURSUING ITS EARLIER EFFORT TO ENSURE THE SECURITY OF NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES. 76 ISLAMABAD 175 PROVIDES LATEST GOP THINKING AS PASSED TO US HERE, BUT MOST EXCHANGES IN THE DISARMAMENT AREA HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN INTERNATIONAL FORA (SEE 75 USUN 5986, 5528, AND 5510). CLOSELY RELATED IS THE GOP'S POST-INDIAN PNE INTEREST IN THE SOUTH ASIA NUCLEAR FREE ZONE, AND, BY EXTENSION, IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OTHER NUCLEAR FREE REGIONAL AREAS. INDIAN OCEAN MATTERS WILL ALSO FIGURE HIGH ON THE GOP'S PRIORITY LIST, THOUGH IN A MANNER LARGELY CONDITIONED BY PAK OPPOSITION TO PROPOSALS WHICH SEEM TO THE GOP TO INCREASE THE LIKELIHOOD OF INDIAN "DOMINATION" OF THE AREA. HAVING EXPENDED LARGE AMOUNTS OF ENERGY AND, PRESUMABLY, POLITICAL CREDITS IN ITS SUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO WIN A SECURITY COUNCIL SEAT, THE GOP IS UNLIKELY TO PUSH HARD FOR PAK CANDIDACIES IN OTHER FORA.

(3) BY WINNING A UNSC SEAT FOR 1976-77, THE GOP WILL IPSO FACTO BE OBLIGED TO PLAY A MORE ACTIVE PART IN MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY AND TO BECOME MORE DEEPLY INVOLVED IN CERTAIN ISSUES THAN IT MIGHT OTHERWISE WISH. FOR BOTH DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS, THE PAKS WILL BE OBLIGED TO BE "SEEN TO CONFIDENTIAL
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BE DOING SOMETHING" ON MATTERS COMING BEFORE THE UNSC WHICH INVOLVE THE MUSLIM WORLD, PARTICULARLY THSS MIDDLE EAST. ITS ROLE IN THE JANUARY DEBATE IS AN EXAMPLE AND A FORETASTE OF THIS.

B. INFLUENCE OF OTHERS.

(1) PAKISTAN'S POSITION ON MULTILATERAL POLICY ISSUES IS VEY MUCH AFFECTED BY ITS RELATIONS WITH TWO OVERLAPPING GROUPS OF COUNTRIES -- THE MUSLIM NATIONS

AND THE GROUP OF 77. IT IS ALSO SIGNIFICANTLY INFLUENCED
IN CERTAIN AREAS BY WHAT IT CONSIDERS ITS SPECIAL
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PRC.

(2) PAKISTAN HAS BEEN SEEKING TO DEVELOP AND
ENHANCE ITS ROLE AS AN INFLUENTIAL MEMBER OF THE MUSLIM
WORLD AND OF THE THIRD WORLD ESTABLISHMENT. THESE
ASPIRATIONS MAKE PAKISTAN RELUCTANT TO DEVIATE FROM
THE MAINSTREAM OF OPINION IN EITHER GROUP. EXAMPLES
OF THIS ATTITUDE ABOUND: THE ARAB-ISRAELI QUESTION,
GENERAL STATEMENTS OF PRINCIPLE SUCH AS THE NEW
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, AND THE GOP'S UNWILLING-
NESS TO CRITICIZE THE OPEC COUNTRIES DESPITE THE
DIFFICULTIES IT HAS EXPERIENCED FOLLOWING THE OIL
PRICE INCREASE ARE THE MOST FAMILIAR. AT THE SAME
TIME, THE GOP CONSIDERS ITSELF A MORE EXPERIENCED AND
MORE RESPONSIBLE THIRD WORLD POWER THAN MANY MORE NEWLY
INDEPENDENT STATES, AND BOTH PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO AND
THE PROFESSIONALS OF THE GOP FOREIGN OFFICE AND ECONOMIC
BUREAUCRACY REGARD THEMSELVES AS COMPARATIVELY SOPHISTI-
CATED IN DEALING WITH THE REALITIES OF INTERNATIONAL
POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC LIFE. IN THIS CONTEXT,
THEY CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT NOT UNDULY TO PROVOKE THE
WEST, AND PARTICULARLY THE US, TO WHICH THEY CONTINUE
TO LOOK FOR SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SUPPORT.
PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO'S PERSONAL AMBITION TO PLAY A
STATEMAN'S, HENCE STATESMANLIKE, ROLE ALSO INFLUENCES
THE GOP'S APPROACH.

(3) THESE CONSIDERATIONS LIE BEHIND THE GOP'S
OFTEN REPEATED CLAIM TO US THAT WHILE PAKISTAN MUST
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VOTE WITH THE THIRD WORLD MAJORITY ON CONTENTIOUS ISSUES,
IT SEEKS TO PLAY A MODERATING ROLE BEHIND THE SCENES.
PAKISTAN'S EFFORTS TO WORK OUT A MIDDLE EAST RESOLUTION
ACCEPTABLE TO THE ARABS AND TO THE US DURING THE
RECENT UNSC DEBATE SHOULD BE SEEN IN THAT LIGHT. THE
SAME IS TRUE FOR THE GOP'S APPARENT EFFORTS TO
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DEGENERATING INTO A RHETORICAL CONFRONTATION. WHEN PAKISTAN'S OWN PRAGMATIC INTERESTS ARE STRONGLY ENGAGED IN A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME, AS IN INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSIONS OF NEW OR EXPANDED AID MECHANISMS, THESE CAN REINFORCE PAKISTAN'S DESIRE TO BE STATESMANLIKE. FOR MORE BACKGROUND OF THE INTERACTION BETWEEN MUSLIM AND THIRD WORLD POLITICS AND PAKISTAN'S MULTILATERAL POLICY-MAKING, SEE 75 ISLAMABAD 4644 AS WELL AS THE CIEC REPORTS CITED ABOVE./

(4) THE INFLUENCE OF THE PRC ON GOP ATTITUDES TOWARD MULTILATERAL ISSUES IS MOST EVIDENT IN EAST ASIAN ISSUES. PAKING'S INFLUENCE HAS FIGURED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE GOP APPROACH TO THE KOREAN ISSUE AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. CHINESE VIEWS ON EAST ASIAN QUESTIONS ALSO SERVE AT TIMES TO STRENGTHEN THE GOP'S DETERMINATION TO PURSUE A LINE IT WOULD HAVE TAKEN WITHOUT PEKING'S INTERVENTION. THIS CHINESE PRESSURE IS THEN CITED AS AN IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION IN GOP EXPLANATIONS TO US AS TO WHY PAKISTAN HAS BEEN UNABLE TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING IN RESPONDING TO US REPRESENTATIONS. THE CAMBODIAN RECOGNITION ISSUE IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF BOTH THESE GOP PRACTICES.

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C. INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATIONS.

(1) GENERAL ASSEMBLY. GOP PRACTICE IN RECENT YEARS HAS BEEN TO HAVE ITS MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS HEAD THE PAKISTAN UNGA DELEGATION

DURING THE FIRST FEW WEEKS OF THE SESSION, AFTER WHICH HE IS RELIEVED BY THE FOREIGN SECRETARY. (SINCE THE PRIME MINISTER HOLDS THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO, THE MINISTER OF STATE IS IN EFFECT "POLITICAL" HEAD OF MFA. THE FOREIGN SECRETARY IS THE SENIOR CIVIL SERVANT AT THE MINISTRY.) THE LATTER ORDINARILY STAYS UNTIL SOMETIME IN NOVEMBER. ALTHOUGH POLICIES ON MAJOR FORESEEABLE ISSUES ARE WORKED OUT IN ADVANCE AND ARE IN LARGE PART SPELLED OUT IN LONG WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS DRAFTED IN MFA BEFORE SESSION STARTS, IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT DURING THEIR PRESENCE IN NEW YORK THE MINISTER OF STATE AND THE FOREIGN SECRETARY HAVE CONSIDERABLE LATITUDE IN DEVELOPING STRATEGY AND POSITIONS WITHIN THE GENERALLY ACCEPTED FRAMEWORK OF PAK POLICY. EXCEPTIONS ARE THOSE SENSITIVE ISSUES INVOLVING SIGNIFICANT FOREIGN PRESSURES IN WHICH THE MINISTER AND THE FOREIGN SECRETARY WOULD RECOGNIZE THAT BHUTTO HIMSELF SHOULD BE -- AND WOULD EXPECT TO BE -- PERSONALLY INVOLVED. (AN EXAMPLE LAST YEAR WAS THE KOREAN VOTE.) FOR THE BALANCE OF THE SESSION, CONTROL FROM ISLAMABAD IS TIGHTER. HOWEVER, GIVEN THE PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND COMPETENCE OF THE PAK UN PERM REP AND HIS STAFF, THE HIGH REGARD IN WHICH THEY ARE HELD BY ISLAMABAD, AND THE NEED TO HOLD DOWN CABLE EXPENSES, MANY MATTERS IN THESE LAST WEEKS ARE PROBABLY ALSO WORKED OUT ON THE SPOT WITHOUT SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FROM MFA.

(2) SECURITY COUNCIL. SOME OF THE SAME CONSIDERATIONS ALSO APPLY TO PAK PARTICIPATION IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL. THE PERM REP PROBABLY ENJOYS CERTAIN LEEWAY WITHIN THE GENERAL POLICY FRAMEWORK. HE WILL BE INSTRUCTED ON ALL IMPORTANT ISSUES WHEN THERE IS LIKELY TO BE ANY DOUBT AS TO POSITION, STRATEGY, OR TACTICS.

(3) IN GENERAL, GOP POSITIONS AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES ARE WORKED OUT IN ADVANCE BY CONCERNED

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MINISTRIES. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THESE POSITION PAPERS PROVIDE DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS ON TACTICS, WHICH ARE GENERALLY LEFT TO DELEGATIONS. AS AT UN, THE DEGREE OF INDEPENDENCE WHICH A DELEGATION WILL ENJOY IN INTERPRETING ITS INSTRUCTIONS WILL DEPEND SIGNIFICANTLY ON THE CLOUT WITHIN THE GOP OF ITS LEADER. THE GOP HAS NO PROBLEM IN RETAINING EFFECTIVE CONTROL OVER ITS DELEGATION BUT WHERE THE PAK DELEGATION IS LED BY A SENIOR OFFICIAL WHO MAY HIMSELF BE THE PRINCIPAL POLICY MAKER ON THE SPECIFIC ISSUES DEALT WITH AT THE CONFERENCE, THIS CONTROL MAY BE EXERCISED (WITHIN THE GENERAL LIMITS SET BY INSTRUCTIONS) BY THE

LEADER HIMSELF. DELEGATIONS ORDINARILY KEEP ISLAMABAD INFORMED ABOUT THE PROGRESS OF SESSIONS, THOUGH NOT TO THE SAME EXTENT OR WITH THE SAME PROMPTNESS A US DELEGATION WOULD. IN FAST-MOVING SITUATIONS OR PARTICULARLY COMPLEX ONES, ISLAMABAD MAY NOT BE IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TIMELY INSTRUCTIONS OR TO ACT ON (OR IN SOME CASE EVEN TO UNDERSTAND) DEMARCHES MADE BY THE EMBASSY INVOLVING MEETINGS ALREADY IN PROGRESS.

D. ROLE OF REPS. QUESTIONS RAISED IN THIS SECTION ARE LARGELY DEALT WITH IN COMMENTS IN PRECEEDING PARAGRAPHS. PERMANENT REPS AND DELEGATION HEADS MAY HAVE INDEPENDENT POWER IN BUREAUCRATIC SENSE AS RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES ACTING WITHIN THEIR OWN AREAS OF COMPETENCE ANY MAY BE IN A POSITION AT TIMES TO INTERPRET THE INSTRUCTIONS THEY HAVE HAD A PRIMARY HAND IN DRAFTING. GOP GENERALLY DOES NOT FACE PROBLEM OF RUNAWAY DELEGATIONS NOT AMENABLE TO CONTROL. THE QUESTION INSTEAD IS WHERE WITHIN LIMITS SET BY INSTRUCTIONS THIS CONTROL IS EXERCISED. THIS IS OF COURSE A KEY ELEMENT IN DETERMINING WHERE DEMARCHES CAN MOST EFFECTIVELY BE ADDRESSED.

E. RECEPTIVITY. GOP IS VERY RECEPTIVE TO US REPRESENTATIONS ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES. WE ARE CAREFULLY HEARD OUT AT APPROPRIATELY SENIOR LEVELS AND ON OCCASION WE ARE EVEN CALLED IN AND ASKED OUR POSITION BEFORE WE MAKE (OR AT TIMES ARE PREPARED TO MAKE) OUR DEMARCHES.
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THE CONCEPT THAT INTERACTION WITH US ON THESE ISSUES IS PART OF BILATERAL RELATIONS IS ACCEPTED BY THE PAKS, WHO ARE ACCUSTOMED TO SIMILAR INTERACTION WITH OTHER MAJOR POWERS. THE CHINESE AND SOVIETS BOTH SEND SENIOR OFFICIALS TO ISLAMABAD PRIOR TO CONVENING OF 29TH AND 30TH UNGA.
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